Books for Children: Foster/Kinship Care and Adoption

Younger Kids (Ages 2-8)

*Foster /Kinship Care…*

- The Red Blanket – by Eliza Thomas
- Little Miss Spider – by David Kirk
- The Star: A Story to Help Young Children Understand Foster Care – by Cynthia Miller Lovell
- Maybe Days- A Book for Children in Foster Care – by Jennifer Wilgocki and Marcia Kahn
- Kids Need to be Safe: A Book for Children in Foster Care – by Julie Nelson
- About the Night I Was Born – by Jamie Lee Curtis
- Where Do Balloons Go? – by Jamie Lee Curtis
- Murphy’s Three Homes: A Story for Children in Foster Care - by Jan Levinson Gillman
- An Elephant in the Living Room: A Children’s Book -by Jill M. Hastings
- Finding the Right Spot: When Kids Can't Live with Their Parents- by Janice Levy
- My Foster Family: A Story for Children Entering Foster Care- by Jennifer Levine
- Zachary’s New Home: A Story for Foster and Adopted Children by -Geraldine Molettiere Blomquist, Paul B. Blomquist, Margo Lemieux
- My Foster Care Journey: A foster/adoption lifebook- by Beth O’Malley
- I Miss My Foster Parents- by Stefan Herbert
- All Kinds of Families -by Norma Simon

*Adoption….*

- Happy Adoption Day! – by John McCutcheon
- Over the Moon: An Adoption Tale – by Karen Katz
- I Wished for You: an Adoption Story - by Marianne Richmond
- My Family, My Journey: A Baby Book for Adoptive Families - by Zoe Francesca and Susie Ghahremani
- Hopper the Lonely Frog: An Adoption Story for Children - by Kimberly Lee
- The Day We Met You - by Phoebe Koehler
Families Change: A Book for Children Experiencing Termination of Parental Rights - by Julie Nelson and Mary Gallagher
Over the Moon: An Adoption Tale - by Patrice Barton and Karen Henry Clark
Rosie’s Family: An Adoption Story - by Lori Rosove
Sweet Moon Baby: An Adoption Tale - by Patrice Barton and Karen Henry Clark
My Foster Care Journey: A foster/adoption lifebook - by Beth O’Malley
Forever Fingerprints: An Amazing Discovery for Adopted Children - by Sherrie Eldridge
I Don’t Have Your Eyes - by Carrie A. Kitze
I’m Gonna Like Me – by Jamie Lee Curtis
A Mother for Choco - by Keiko Kasza
The Red Blanket – by Eliza Thomas

Pre Teens (Ages 9-12)
All About Adoption: How to Deal With Questions From Your Past – by Anne Lanchon
Lucy’s Family Tree – by Karen Halvorsen Schreck
Three Names of Me –by Mary Cummings
Kinship With All Life by J. Allen Boone
Pictures of Hollis Woods- by Patricia Reilly Giff
Becoming Naomi Leon- by Pam Munoz Ryan
Anna Casey’s Place in the World- by Adrian Fogelin
Dicey’s Song- by Cynthia Voigt
Holding Up the Earth- by Dianne E. Gray
The Great Gilly Hopkins - by Katherine Paterson.

Teens (Ages 13 & up)
All About Adoption: How to Deal With Questions From Your Past –by Anne Lanchon
How it Feels to be Adopted – by Jill Krementz
Adopted: The Ultimate Teen Guide – by Suzanne Slade
The Heart Knows Something Different: Teenage Voices from the Foster Care System – by Al Desetta
Heaven- by Angela Johnson
A Brief Chapter in my Impossible Life- by Dana Reinhardt
Returnable Girl- by Pamela Lowell
Lost in the System- by Charlotte Lopez with Susan Dworkin.

Recommended Reading: Kinship Caregivers
Grandparenting in a Changing World- by Eda J. LeShan
Grandparenting with Love and Logic: Practical Solutions for Today's Grandparenting Challenges- by Jim Fay
Grandparents as Parents: A Survival Guide for Raising a Second Family- by Sylvie de Toledo & Deborah Edler Brown
Great Ideas for Grandkids: 150 Ways to Entertain, Educate, and Enjoy Your Grandchildren – Without Setting Foot in a Toy Store- by Peggy Epstein
Raising Our Children's Children- by Deborah Doucette-Dudman
Second Time Around: Help For Grandparents Who Raise Their Children's Children -by Joan Callander
To Grandma’s House We Stay: When You Have to Stop Spoiling Your Grandchildren and Start Raising Them- by Sally Houtman